

DUXBURY BEACH

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BEACH CONSERVATION

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Posted above is a shot of a partially posted and cabled access road, you are looking south from the bath house parking lot towards long bridge. Note the

vegetation where the poles, posts and cable prohibit vehicular traffic.

A similar road cable project is underway south of the bridge.

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The results of the cable barrier will be the same - traffic control; more vegetation will flourish and hold the beach together.

Once again our beach program made it through February's super high tides without a damaging storm. The next extra high tides will be during mid-July and August.

Last week an injured male yearling seal was found on the rocks at the foot of Gurnet Head, the mammal was not removed until State and Federal Wildlife agents were consulted, then it was carried in a litter to the U.S. Coast Guard station. Assisting lightkeepers and enginemen were Pete Scott, Bob Beaudry and John Lapchak Jr. It was learned that Frank Gardner, Manomet Bird Observatory, is engaged in a seal population and migration study.

Dr. Dow drove to the Gurnet that night in the snowstorm to treat the animal. Unfortunately this yearling died. Over the years the vet has treated and freed 3 other seals.

Should you have any historic beach photos (5 years or more back) we would like to make copies for our files. Call Neal Merry BCO(934-2437). Hopefully through intensive beach reconstruction over the next several years the beach will be able to restore itself to the healthy conditions older photos depict.